



MARVEL

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THE INCREDIBLE

THOR



The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white, Reality as we knew it is gone...

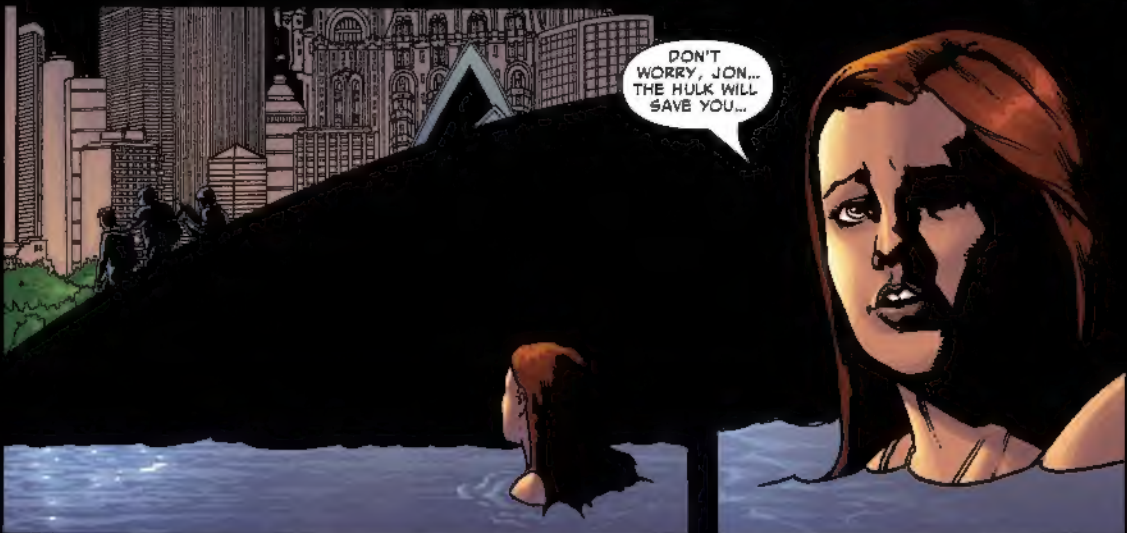
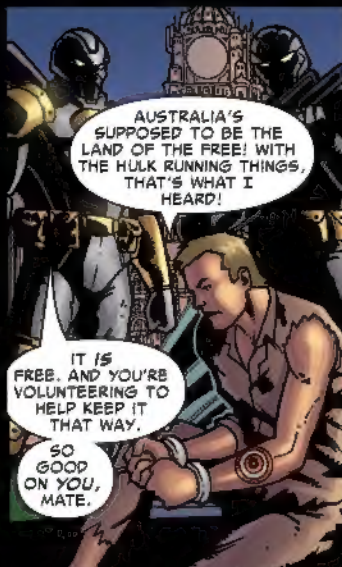
...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

HOUSE OF M

Bruce Banner has a secret side that hides behind his unassuming exterior. In times of stress and rage he transforms into something more than human: a hulking monster capable of incredible mayhem and destruction, putting those close to him in certain danger.

Following years of self-exile, he seeks to repress his inner ferocity so he might no longer live as a monster, but simply as a man. After finally finding peace among a tribe of Aborigines called the True People, Bruce is forced to intervene when invading mutant soldiers under the leadership of the fascist ruler Exodus attack a nearby A.I.M. refugee camp. To deliver his tribe from danger, Hulk helps to thwart the mutant attack, teaming with A.I.M. to stand against Exodus's oppressive mutant rule.

Bruce, seeking a civilized resolution, arranges a meeting with Exodus to discuss peace. Soon after their arrival, Exodus attacks and Banner's rage consumes him! The Hulk takes down Exodus—making him a hero to the freed Australians! Now Banner is put into a position of power, and with scientist Monica Rappaccini, her daughter Scorpion and the rest of A.I.M. behind him, he hopes to be a fair and just leader...



TERRA INCOGNITA

PART
3

**HULK
SMASH PUNY
PAPERWORK!!!!**



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OH, THAT'S FUNNY. IT'S NOT. WHAT IF IT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

YOU MEAN IF YOU'D ACTUALLY "HULKED OUT" OVER EXCESS PAPERWORK?

I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT ABOUT DOING IT.



MY IMPRESSION IS THAT YOU DIDN'T "THINK" ABOUT IT. IT JUST HAPPENS.

IT'S... COMPLICATED. THERE'S GRAY AREAS.

GREEN ONES, TOO.



IT'S NOT A JOKE!

THE POWER I...

...IF I LOSE CONTROL, EVEN OVER SOMETHING IMBECILIC LIKE PAPERWORK OR A STUBBED TOE OR...



I GET IT.

IT'S JUST...IT'S NOT A JOKE.

I SAID I GET IT.

DO YOU?



YES.

BECAUSE IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU--







DIME
DROP
YET?



"NICKY."

UH-
HUH.

SHORT FOR
"NICOLE" ...



EXCEPT
WHEN IT'S
SHORT
FOR...

"MONICA."

KA-CHING.

IF IT'S ANY
CONSOLATION,
I'VE GOTTEN OVER
YOU NOT CALLING THE
FOLLOWING WEEK...
OR EVER.



MONICA, I'M...I'M
SO SORRY...

IT'S
OKAY.

COLLEGE
WAS A VERY
DIFFICULT PERIOD
FOR ME...OF COURSE,
SO WAS HIGH
SCHOOL...

ACTUALLY,
ADULTHOOD
HASN'T BEEN
A CAKEWALK
EITHER.



BRUCE...I SAID
IT'S OKAY.

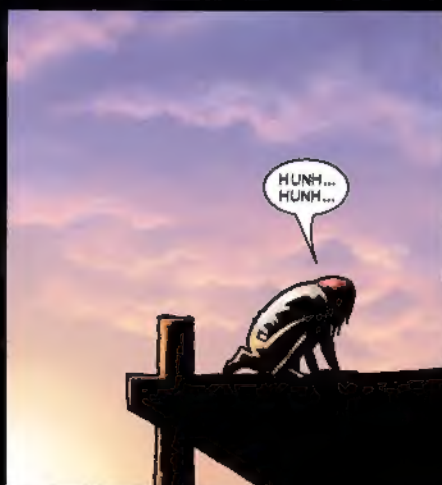
I MEAN...
SERIOUSLY!
WE'RE RUNNING
AUSTRALIA! WE'VE
TURNED IT INTO A
REFUGE FOR ANY
HUMAN WHO FEELS
THEIR RESPECTIVE
MUTANT
GOVERNMENTS
ARE GIVING THEM
SHORT SHRIFT!

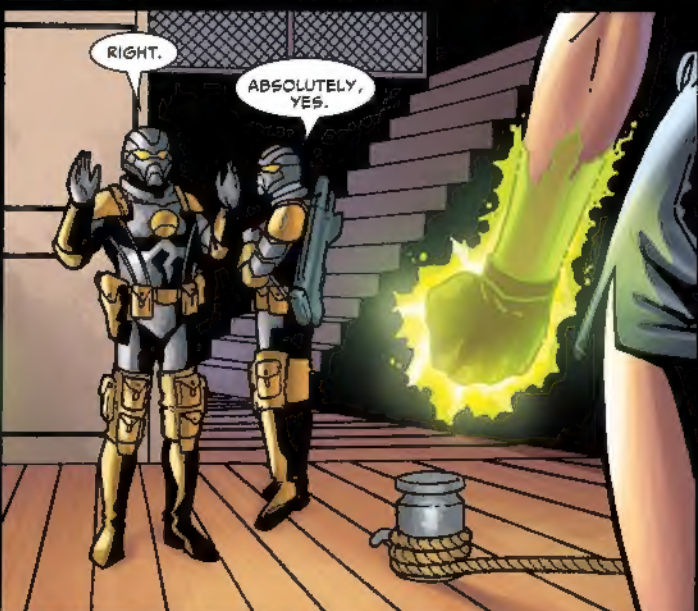
WE'RE
PROCESSING
APPLICATIONS,
ADJUDICATING
OVER DISPUTES,
WORKING OUR
BUTTS OFF...

...AND,
BY THE WAY,
HAVING A LITTLE
FUN ON THE
SIDE...



DOESN'T WORRYING
ABOUT THE PAST
SEEM...A WASTE
OF ENERGY?







TH-THANK YOU...I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO---

YEAH, WELL, JUST BE GLAD I GET UP EARLY TO FISH...

...AND YOU LOOKED PATHETIC ENOUGH THAT I TOOK YOUR SIDE AGAINST SOME EAGER A.I.M. GUYS WHO WERE KIND OF SMUG.



YOU'RE SIPPING WET, YOU KNOW...

THEY TOOK JONNY.

ALL RIGHT. THAT ANSWER DOESN'T REALLY FOLLOW WHAT I JUST SAID, BUT...



THEY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SUBJECTS, FOR ROUTINE MEDICAL STUFF, TESTS AND THINGS, Y'KNOW, PLUS ROOM AND BOARD FOR THE DURATION.

THEY PROMISED GOOD PAY, ME AND JONNY, WE JUST ARRIVED, HAD NO PLACE TO STAY, THE OFFER SEEMED...



BUT THERE'S...IT'S ALL WRONG! PEOPLE STARTED DISAPPEARING...

WE THOUGHT WE'D BE NEXT! SO WE GOT OUT! BUT THEY CAME AFTER US...

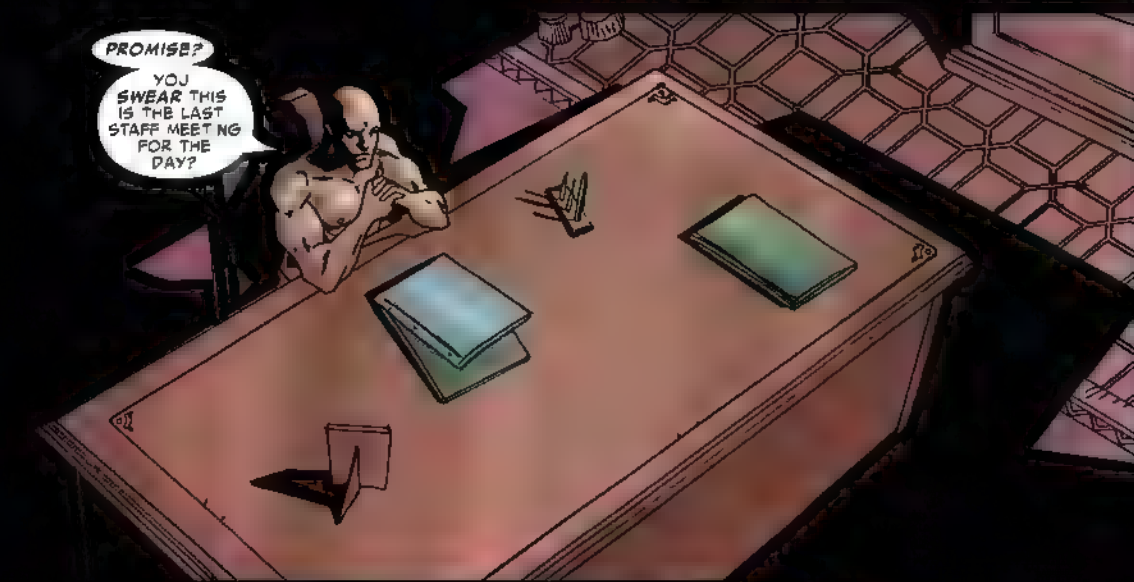
OH, GOD... THEY GOT JONNY. TOOK HIM AWAY...



IT'S GONNA BE OKAY, I SWEAR TO YOU.

PLEASE FIND HIM. HE'S GOT A TATTOO OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SHIELD ON HIS ARM... HE...

I'LL FIND HIM, PROMISE.



PROMISE?

YOU
SWEAR THIS
IS THE LAST
STAFF MEETING
FOR THE
DAY?

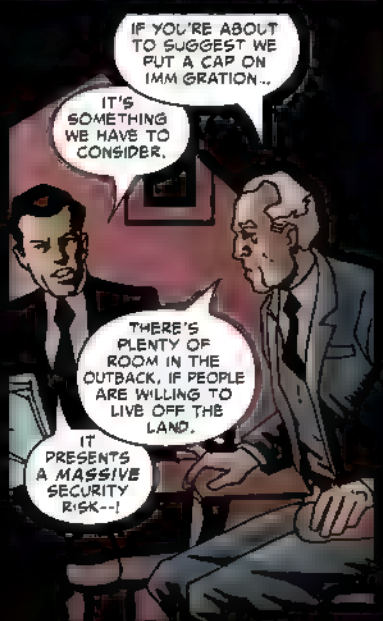


ABSOLUTELY,
DR. BANNER.

I WAS
HOPING YOU'D
HAD THE CHANCE
TO LOOK OVER THE
HOUSING REPORTS
I GAVE YOU.

YES
ACCORDING
TO THESE,
WE HAVEN'T
ENOUGH.

THAT'S
CORRECT, YES.
I HATE TO SAY
IT, BUT--



IF YOU'RE ABOUT
TO SUGGEST WE
PUT A CAP ON
IMMIGRATION...

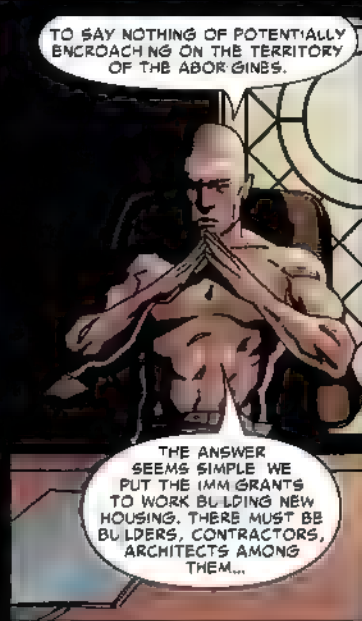
IT'S
SOMETHING
WE HAVE TO
CONSIDER.

THERE'S
PLENTY OF
ROOM IN THE
OUTBACK, IF PEOPLE
ARE WILLING TO
LIVE OFF THE
LAND.

IT
PRESENTS
A MASSIVE
SECURITY
RISK--!



AS HEAD
OF RESEARCH
AND SECURITY,
I HAVE TO
AGREE...



TO SAY NOTHING OF POTENTIALLY
ENCROACHING ON THE TERRITORY
OF THE ABORIGINES.

THE ANSWER
SEEMS SIMPLE WE
PUT THE IMMIGRANTS
TO WORK BUILDING NEW
HOUSING. THERE MUST BE
BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS,
ARCHITECTS AMONG
THEM...



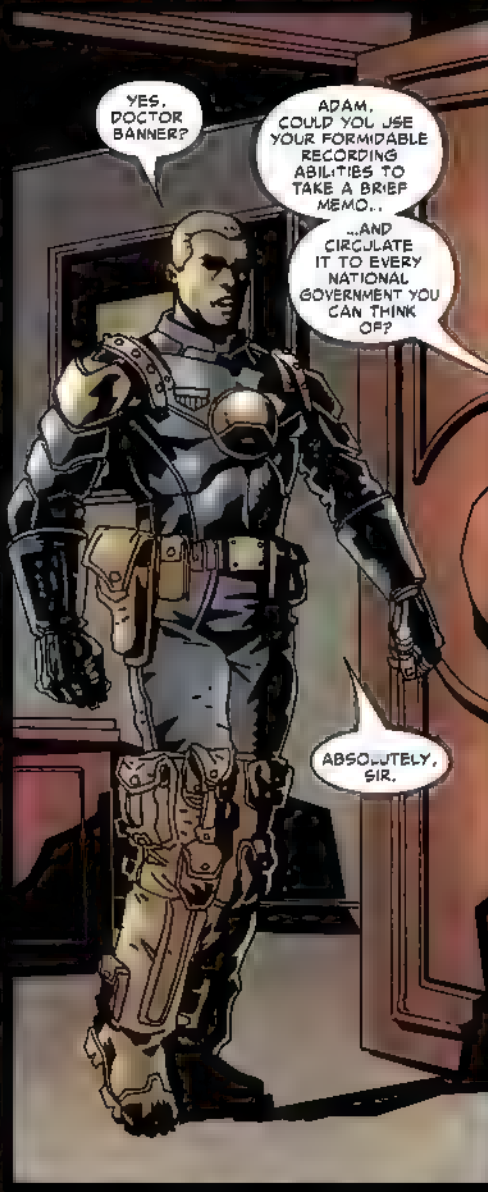
BUT WE'LL NEED TO IMPORT THE RAW MATERIAL FOR BUILDING, SIR IT MEANS DEALING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS...MUTANT GOVERNMENTS.

I'VE MADE PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES AND THEY ARE...

...LESS THAN COOPERATIVE



OH.
ARE
THEY
NOW.
ADAM!!!



YES, DOCTOR BANNER?

ADAM, COULD YOU USE YOUR FORMIDABLE RECORDING ABILITIES TO TAKE A BRIEF MEMO...

...AND CIRCULATE IT TO EVERY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT YOU CAN THINK OF?

ABSOLUTELY, SIR.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA.

COOPERATE WITH US ON ALL BUSINESS MATTERS...

...OR HULK WILL SMASH.

VERY TRULY YOURS, ETC., ETC. GOT ALL THAT?



I THINK SO, DOCTOR WANT ME TO READ IT BACK?

I TRUST YOU GET THAT RIGHT OUT, WOULD YOU?

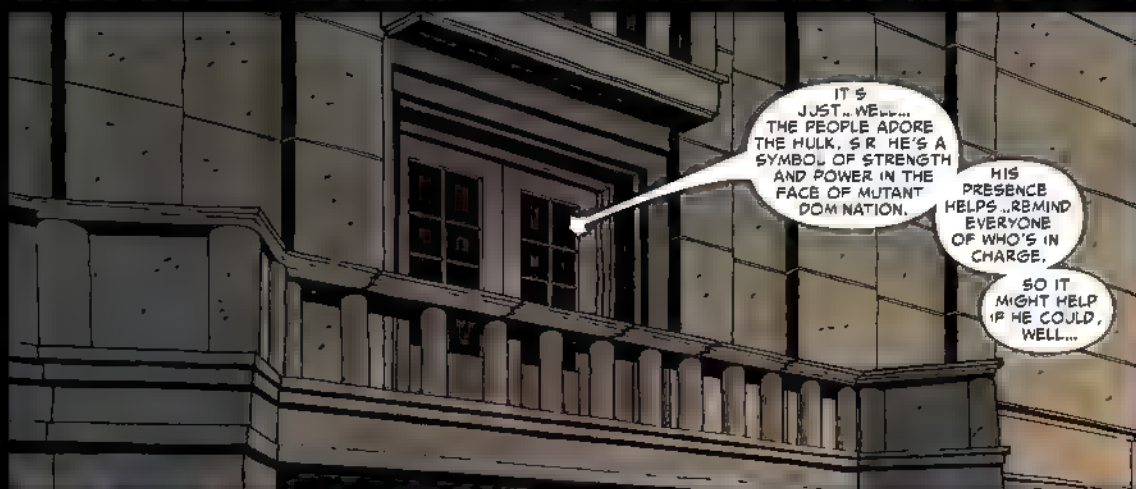
YES SIR.



THAT WRAP THIS UP?

ONE OTHER THING...

HAD A FEELING



IT'S JUST... WELL... THE PEOPLE ADORE THE HULK. SIR HE'S A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND POWER IN THE FACE OF MUTANT DOMINATION.

HIS PRESENCE HELPS REMIND EVERYONE OF WHO'S IN CHARGE.

SO IT MIGHT HELP IF HE COULD, WELL...



PUT IN AN OCCASIONAL APPEARANCE?

HOW ABOUT, FOR FIREWORKS FANS, WE SET OFF AN ATOMIC BOMB?

EXACTLY, SIR, YES TROT HIM OUT ON THE BALCONY--

TO GIVE THE FOLKS A THRILL--

WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY "THRILL..."

SIR, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN--



HE DOESN'T GET TROTTED OUT.

HE DOESN'T DO THREE SHOWS A NIGHT.

HE HIDES IN ME AND WHEN HE EMERGES, PEOPLE BLEED AND BUILDINGS COLLAPSE.



HE'S NOT A PARTY TRICK. HE'S THE HULK. DO YOU GET THAT?



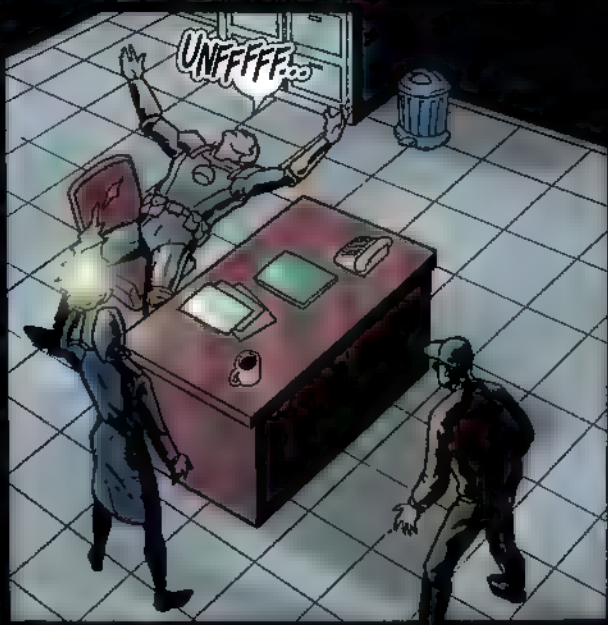
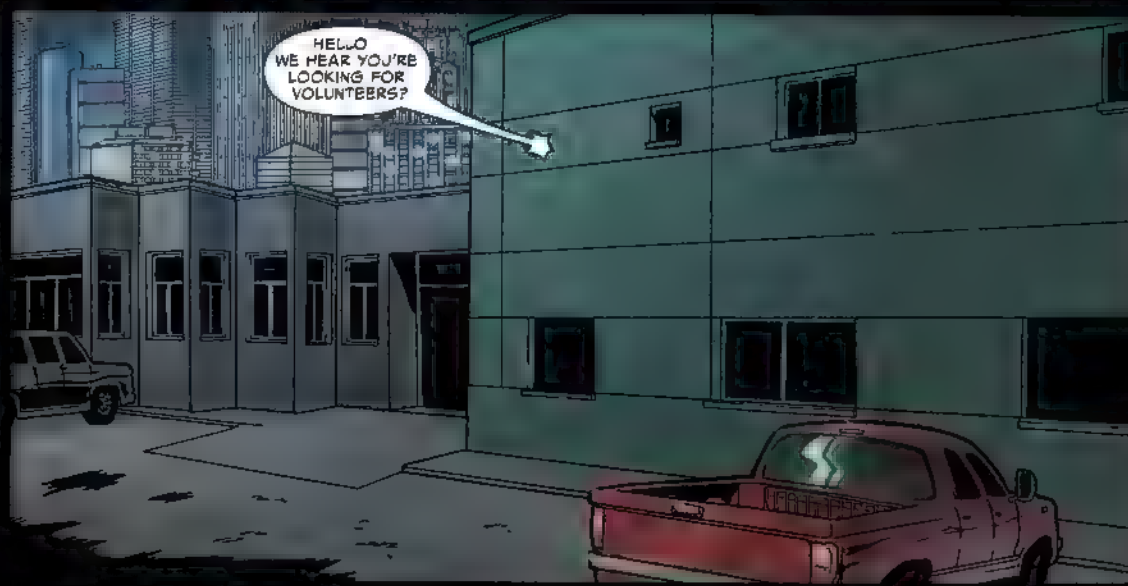
Yessir.



GOOD.

MEETING'S ADJOURNED







SCORPION!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

OHMMH...
FINE...

IF IT
HELPS AT ALL,
I APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
"IMAGINATION"
CRACK

NOT MUCH
HELP, NO.

GET
DOWN HERE
AND CHECK ME
FOR BROKEN
BONES WOULD'JA
PLEASE?

YOU SEEM INTACT ENOUGH.
THE COSTUME YOU'RE WEARING
UNDER YOUR CLOTHES OBVIOUSLY
GIVES YOU ADDITIONAL
PROTECTION.

YES, WELL...
A GRL CAN'T
GET ENOUGH
PROTECT ON
THESE DAYS.

I HEAR
SOMETHING...
UP THIS WAY.

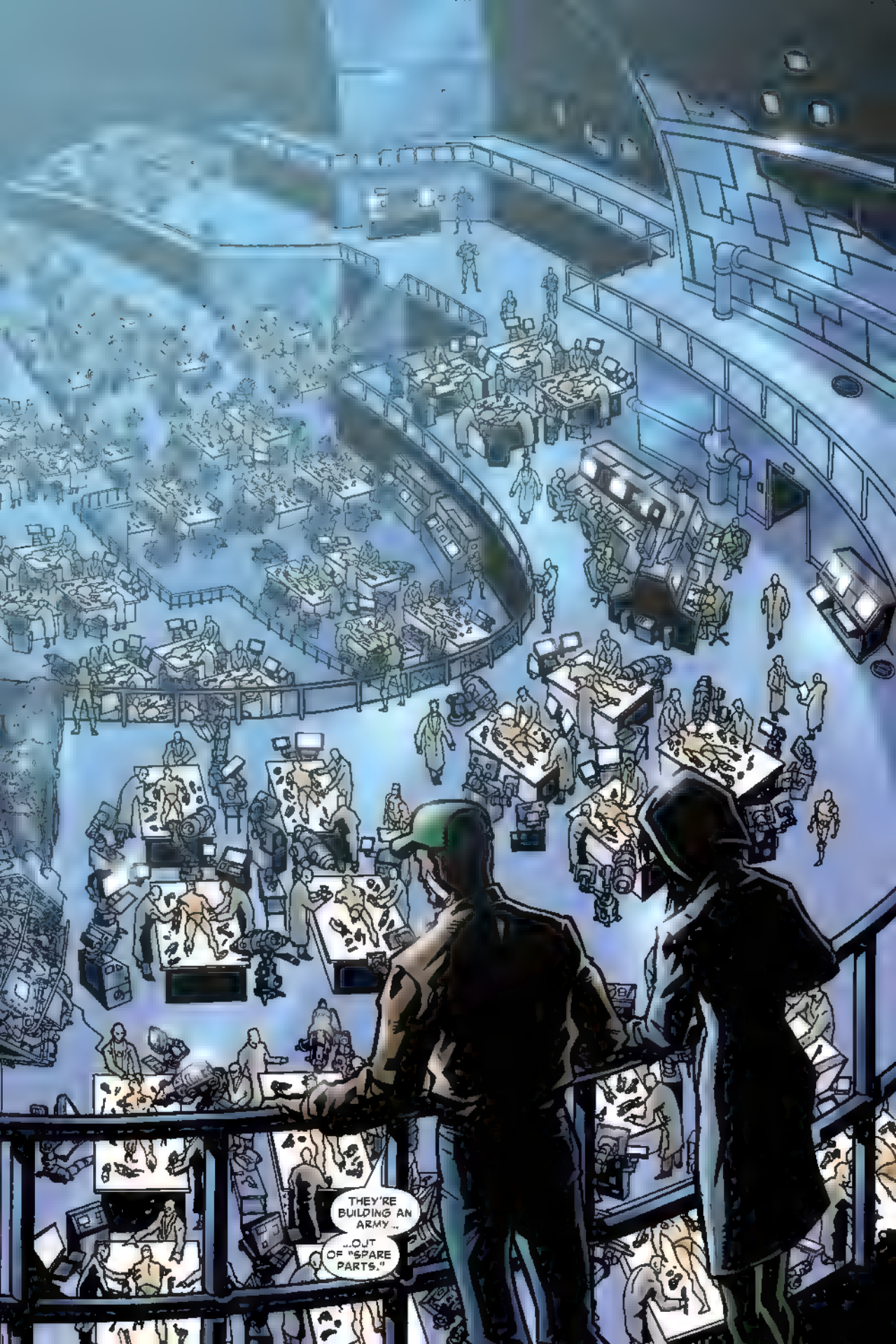
CLANK NG.

WHAT
KIND OF
SOMETHING?

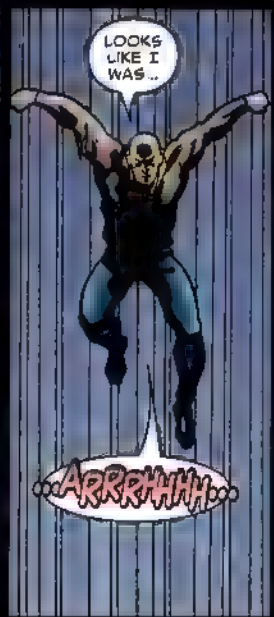
OH,
YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME.

WHAT
ARE THEY
DOING--?!

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?



THEY'RE
BUILDING AN
ARMY...
...OUT
OF "SPARE
PARTS."











STOP!
STOP THIS
IMMEDIATELY!
ALL
UNITS,
STAND
DOWN!
AND
SHUT DOWN
THAT INFERNAL
WARNING
NOISE!



DOCTOR BAN--
I MEAN, HULK...
I...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!



OH, NO! NO, NO, WE GET
TO ASK THAT QUESTION,
DOCTOR ISAACS!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING
HERE?!

BEFORE
HE GOT HIS
"MAD" ON, BANNER
SPECULATED YOU
WERE BUILDING AN
ARMY HERE!

